

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eichstaedt et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,654,735) in view of Buck et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,078,866). Claims 1-12 are pending.

Reconsideration of the claims in view of the amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

A claimed invention is *prima facie* obvious when three basic criteria are met. First, there must be some suggestion or motivation, either in the reference themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the reference or to combine the teachings therein. Second, there must be a reasonable expectation of success. And, third, the prior art reference or combined references must teach or suggest all the claim limitations.

Claim 1 recites A meta data category, for use by a Web site to describe information therein, the meta data category comprising a task-description language application to specify types of web applications and services that describes the functionality of said Web site as one or more functional identifiers. Independent claim 6 recites similar limitations.

As admitted by the Office Action, Eichstaedt et al. fails to disclose a task-description language application to specify types of web applications and services in the Web site as one or more functional identifiers. The Office Action further refers to the Buck et al., col. 5, lines 12-47 and figs 4A & 4B to show these limitations.

Buck et al. teaches an internet site searching and listing service based on monetary ranking of site listings. An index or category search is performed on the denominated-value service's database of listings. However, Buck et al., teaches each listing includes a title or description of the content of the respective site, ..., see col. 6, lines 1-7. ) and not functional identifiers. Accordingly, the device of Buck et al. fails to teach or suggest "a task-description language application to specify types of web applications and services in the Web site as one or more functional identifiers."

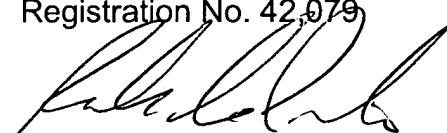
Applicants respectfully submits that Eichstaedt et al. and Buck et al., along or in combination, fails to teach, show or imply at least the limitation of the meta data category comprising a task-description language application to specify types of web applications and services that describes the functionality of said Web site as one or more functional identifiers.

Dependent claims 2-5 and 7-12 are likewise deemed to be patentable due to their dependency from the respective base claims, but should be examined in view of their additional limitations.

The applicants submit that the claims fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 103. In view of the foregoing remarks, entry of this amendment, favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application are respectfully solicited.

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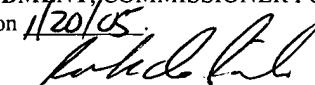
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